REMARKS

Applicants extend thanks to Examiner Yun for the courtesy of a telephone interview conducted December 20, 2005 with Applicants' representatives David Hall and the undersigned. During the telephone interview, the prior art of record was discussed as were features of the Applicant's invention. In response to the interview Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment and accompanying RCE.

Claims 1-4, 8-10, 15, and 17 are pending in the RCE. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 17 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention. The amendments contain no new matter and are fully supported in the specification, see for example, page 8, line 21 through page 12 line 5 and Figure 4.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to a first Office Action in this RCE. The amendments are consistent with the changes discussed with the Examiner during the telephone interview. In particular, the Examiner requested greater clarity in the claims with respect to signals communicated to and from multiple radiation elements over a common feeder cable. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims define over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

Applicants also wants to inform the Examiner that the Attorney Docket Number for this matter has changed from 21860-6061 to 42792-6061. Applicants request that the records for this matter be updated to reflect this change.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims, Claims 1-4, 8-10, 15, and 17 are patentable and in condition for allowance. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and further examination of the application are requested. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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